FACT SHEET	**McGuire Fire Complex** Red River Ranger District September 8, 2012 7:30 a.m.	

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Incident: The fire complex consists of the McGuire (contains the former Bagely Fire) and Herman wildland fires which were all started by lightning on 8/27.
Location: Five miles west of Dixie, ID.
Agency Jurisdiction: USDA Forest Service, Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests
Cooperating Agencies: Idaho County Sheriff's Department
Incident Commander: Shawn Pearson, Northern Rockies Type II Incident Management Team (IMT). The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located at the old Red River Ranger Station, with fire camp located in the York field at Red River.

Current Size: Complex is 18,002 acres (McGuire 18,000 and Herman 2)
Containment: 5% **Structures Threatened:** 316 (Orogrande and Dixie/Comstock)

Status: The fires are burning in stands of sub alpine fir & lodgepole pine with a large component of dead and down beetle-killed trees. There is very poor access to the fire areas with limited safety zones for firefighters. The Herman Fire located in the Gospel Hump Wilderness is monitored daily with smoldering fire activity. Structure protection has been established in the Dixie and Orogrande areas. The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued Evacuation Requests for the residents of Orogrande on 8/28 and Dixie/Comstock on 9/03.

Yesterday's Activities: Firefighters were able to hold the fire along Road 1188 on the southeast flank with moderate fire activity and occasional group torching. Crews conducted a burnout operation along Road 1188 late in the afternoon. Helicopters provided significant support with water bucket drops. Structure protection (setting up sprinklers, hoses & pumps) progressed in the Comstock area, along with assessments and fuel treatments in the Red River and Mallard and Cook Ranch areas. Chipping of debris from fuel reduction activities continued in the Orogrande area.

Current Resources: Fourteen 20-person crews, **thirty** engines, **four** dozers, **seven** water tenders, and **four** helicopters. Total personnel: **520**.

Today's Activities: Warmer temperatures and lower relative humidity is expected to produce more active fire behavior, particularly along the southeast flank of the fire. Crews will concentrate on holding the fire along Road 1188. If conditions are favorable, the burnout operation will continue to reinforce the containment line in this area. Heavy equipment is being used to build and improve contingency lines around Dixie and Comstock. Structure protection preparation and improvement will continue in Comstock and Red River.

Restrictions/Closures: An Area Closure around the fire area was established by the Red River Ranger District for public safety which includes the closure of Road 222 except for local residents to Dixie. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect surrounding the McGuire Complex fire area. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

For further information, including specific details regarding the Area Closure, visit: www.inciweb.org; Select "McGuire Complex"